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## ABOUT FALL BULBS

Sorry, but our Fall Bulb Department has gone into storage, perhaps for the duration. Found we couldn't keep on with it and at the same time grow at Old Orchard our share of the larger quantities of seeds needed for a country at war. Not enough obtainable help to do both. Crest of the fall bulb season comes during seed harvest, and there just aren't enough of us to go around. We have greatly increased our acreage of vegetable seeds, and of course we grow flower seeds, too. We are all working out on the seed farm as much of the time as we can. That goes even for the office clerks, stenographers and typists. They have been valiant help. We feel that the actual production of seeds is about the most important thing we can do right now, so for at least the present, we put the fall bulb and plant end into abeyance. This does NOT apply to seeds. We are ready to take care of your seed orders with prompt efficiency, and since we are growers, we expect to have a FULL LINE OF LATEST CROP FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS ALWAYS AVAILABLE. We ship seeds every working day in the year. Please let your orders come forward.

## ASK FOR THE CATALOG

It is worth the having, an interesting, well-illustrated book of 66 pages that lists and describes some 3000 desirable kinds. Latest issue is OFFER 39, so marked on cover. Old customers have it now. New inquirers will receive it within two or three days after they get this folder. If your copy is lost, or does not come, let us know and we will quickly send another.

## FOR FALL PLANTING

The seeds listed in this folder are intended for autumn sowing. So are all the kinds in Catalog 39 that have the key letters "kt", "y", or "yt" after the variety name, these letters marking kinds that need cold, seeds that should be sown outside in period September-December, germination to be expected in spring.

## TERMS OF BUSINESS

All seeds, but not bulbs or plants, are sent postpaid. Safe arrival is guaranteed. We try to send out only good seeds, but we cannot control the conditions of planting. We give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs, or plants, or seeds we sell, and we will not be responsible for the crop.

Please remit by money order if possible, or by personal check. Order minimum should be fifty cents. No C.O.D. shipments made. Stamps will be accepted for small amounts only.

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## AUTUMN SOWING

Seeds of certain rock garden and border perennials, of many bulbs and shrubs, are benefited by a long period of exposure to low soil temperatures. The best way to handle such seeds is to sow them in open ground seed beds, or in cold frames in late autumn, any time from the first of October, to just as long as the soil remains unfrozen, even into January. The seed-bed may be lightly mulched after sowing, with straw or leaves, to keep it from drying out, and to prevent frost heaving. Any such mulching should be removed very promptly in early spring, else the germinating seedlings may then be smothered. Incidentally, at Old Orchard, we sow some two thousand or more kinds of seeds in late autumn, or in open periods of winter, all in outside seed beds, slightly raised for drainage, forty inches wide, sowings in rows four inches apart across the bed. We get a high proportion of spring germination.

## THE CAMAS LILIES

Hardy bulbs, beautiful in flower, easy to grow from seed if given "y" culture. There are big star-blossoms in loose spikes. Delightful color variation, cream to purple. Full-est winter hardiness. CAMASSIA CUSICKI—Finest and rarest, palest lavender to deepest violet. Tallest and most robust. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 30c.

## ERYTHRONIUM or TROUT LILY

Dainty little lily-blossoms for the shaded corner, spring-tide pleasure for countless years once you have colonies of them established. Full hardiness. Recurred flowers in cream, lemon, gold, lavender, purple, rosy pink. Early spring. 5 to 10 inches. "y" culture. Mixed. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 40c; 1/4 oz. 75c.

## LILY OF ST. BERNARD

It is ANTHERICUM LILIAGO. Starry flowers of purest white in airy racemes. Full hardiness. Very pretty, particularly in mass. Plant with Campanula rapunculoides for blue and white. ebltk(2-3)32. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 25c.

## ERODIUM or HERONSBILL

Both in foliage and flower they fit the rock garden, or Manesavi the border, and their bloom is near-continuous. "kt" culture. MACRADENUM—(8)8. Blossoms soft pink with beauty-patch of radiating velvety black. Fern foliage. 6 seeds for 15c. MANESCAVI—(8)16. Showy blossoms of burning rose-purple, these for months. Foliage feathery, aromatic. Pkt. 15c; 1/32 oz. 25c; 1/2 oz. 40c. PELARGONIFLORUM—(8)10. Big flowers of pale pink, rose-flushed. Delightful foliage. Needs winter mulching. North. Pkt. 15c.

## SAXIFRAGA

The name shelters diversities. Blossoms in white, cream, rose or crimson, exquisite in form and tinting; emerald moss-mats; crispy, sparkling, crystal-headed leaves. Splendid did mixture, mosses, silvers, encrustatas, Bergengas and the rest. Pkt. 15c; 3 pkts. for 40c.

## MECONOPSIS or BLUE POPPY

Called Great Blue Poppy. Big blossoms of skyblue with bunched golden anthers, carried in loose cyme-clusters on stems that sometimes reach five feet. Needs cool soil and moist atmosphere. "kt" culture. Not easy. Meconopsis betonicifolia Bailey. Pkt. 20c (3 for 50c).

## ALSTROEMERIA

The flowers are spectacular in massed clusters, beauty, interesting in marking of individual blossom. At Old Orchard we have no trouble in carrying over winter Aurantiaca, pulchella and Ligutu. The others we haven't tried there, but believe they are as hardy. We cover the planting with straw or salt hay in winter, parting this in spring to allow the stems to come through, but leaving it about the roots to serve as a moisture-retaining mulch, and to keep the soil cool. In areas of exceedingly severe winters, the roots may be dug in fall and carried over winter in a cellar, packed in slightly moistened sand. Roots of Alstroemerias are slender, very brittle tubers and must be handled with care to prevent breakage. Seeds sown in outside seed beds in fall (you can sow in early fall if you wish), usually germinate strongly in spring, plants giving some bloom first year. At times, though, the seeds will lie over until second spring before germinating. Illustrated above.



ALSTROEMERIA AURANTIACA

ALSTROEMERIA BLEND—Fine mixture, many color forms. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 40c; 1/4 oz. 75c.

## AUTUMN CROCUS

Desirable bulbs, true Crocuses, that flower in autumn. "y" culture. CLUSI—Sept. to Dec. Portugal. Purple cups with white throat. Pkt. 15c. ZONATUS—Lavender cups, zoned orange. Pkt. 10c; 1/4 oz. 75c. SALZMANNI—Particularly good. Cup petals lilac, veined violet, and feathered yellow at base. Reverse of petals flamed purple. Buds pale blue. Blooms Oct. and Nov. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 25c; 1/4 oz. 45c; 1/4 oz. 80c; 1 oz. \$3.00.

## GOLDEN ASTER

Perhaps best of the hardy "Golden Asters" is richly beautiful Chrysopsis mariana, described in its very name, for Chrysopsis equals "looks like gold". It cuts. ecbkt(4)25. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c).

## LILIES FROM SEED

Thousands of Lilies are grown from seed every year at our Old Orchard Nurseries, sowings made directly in open ground seed-beds in very late autumn or else in earliest spring. You can grow them from seed too, simply by following the key letter directions here and their amplification in the instruction leaflet sent out with seeds. Please, though, remember that some kinds of Lilies are much quicker and easier than others, species differing in this respect as much as they do in color and form.

SPECIAL LILY BLEND—Includes over 40 Lilium species and strains, not in equal proportions, more of the easier than of the difficult. Good mixture of our best seeds. Pkt. 10c; 1/2 oz. 20c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1/4 oz. 65c; 1 oz. \$2.50.

## KEY TO LETTERS USED IN DESCRIPTIONS

- a—Prefers acid soil.
- at—Tolerant of acidity.
- b—Suitable for the hardy border.
- bt—For backgrounds, or screen plantings.
- c—The flowers cut well.
- d—Will grow in rather dry soils.
- e—Of easy culture for the beginner, if key letter and other directions are followed.
- f—Decorative foliage effects.
- g—Ground cover or carpeting plant.
- gt—Furling effects in place of grass.
- h—May be used as hedge.
- i—Useful for low edgings.
- j—Some part of the plant used as food.
- k—Sow in early spring while soil is cool.
- kt—As in "k", but may also be sown in latest fall.
- l—Needs lime.
- lt—Tolerant of, or slightly prefers, lime.
- m—Likes plenty of moisture, keep watered.
- mt—For bog garden, pool-edge or streamside.
- n—Effective for wild naturalizing.
- o—Fragrant or aromatic.
- p—For pavements, step-creeves or walls.
- q—Has bright berries or other decorative fruits.
- r—Of value in rock garden.
- s—Prefers shade.
- st—Tolerant of either light shade or sun.
- u—May be used for windowbox, porch or urn.
- ut—Suitable for terrariums.
- v—Sow in pans of sand, mixed with chopped sphagnum moss. Seeds requiring this culture will not germinate during warmer parts of year.
- w—Sow in heat, in sunny window, frame or conservatory.
- x—Sow in spring or summer, up to September. If sown in heat of summer, be sure seedbed is shaded. A lath or cloth screen a foot above it is suggested.
- y—Sow in late autumn or even in early winter, in open ground beds or unheated frames, germination to take place in spring. These are seeds that need cold to start them, not heat. May usually be sown in early spring also, providing they have been stratified, or have received refrigerator treatment. Cultural folder sent with seeds, gives directions for this.
- yt—Seeds so marked should be sown only in late autumn, or in earliest spring in outdoor seedbeds. If sown too late in spring, they may lie dormant until following year.

NUMERALS IN PARENTHESES indicate season and duration of bloom, as follows: (1) early spring, (2) late spring and early summer, (3) summer, (4) late summer and early autumn, (5) all autumn, (6) late autumn, (7) winter, (8) tends to be ever-blooming, (9) grown for fruit, form or foliage rather than flowers. NUMERAL FOLLOWING PARENTHESES indicates normal mature height in inches.

## HARDY CHRYSANTHEMUMS

A name with which to conjure varied beauty, particularly if you have sown seeds of our OLD ORCHARD GLORIES, about the finest blend of hardy perennial Chrysanthemums possible to produce. It is based on a cross of the Azaleumums and the Hybrid Koreans, but to this foundation stock have been added seeds saved from the better hardier named sorts of the Indicum Hybrids, the Rubellums, the Morifoliums, the delightful Arctic Hybrids and from separate kinds again of the Koreans and Azaleumums. Many will have double, or near-double flowers. Pink delights are here, strawbery, coral peach, old rose, carmine approaches, apricot, primrose with bronze suffusion, copper tones, maroon, mulberry, velvety amaranth, with yellows light to dark, buff to gold, bronze shadings, autumn ruddiness. Sow them outside in latest autumn, or in outdoor beds at the first possible moment in spring, and they will flower first season just as do the Annuals, but unlike Annuals, the same plants will give repeat performances for years to come. Don't sow after soil temperatures are high. Pkt. 25c; 1/64 oz. 35c; 1/32 oz. 60c; 1/2 oz. \$1.00.





**RUELLIA CILIOSA**—\*erkt(2-4)17. Though in Acanthus relationship, the blossoms remind of Petunias in silvered sky blue. Each day there is a new flower display, right through the hottest, driest part of the year. Sow in late autumn or earliest spring. *Illustrated opposite*. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 25c.

**THE FRINGED GENTIAN—GENTIANA CRINITA**—\*rastyt(3-4)25. Flowers of exquisite charm, with deeply fringed petals in delightful misty colorings, sky blue to indigo. Late autumn or nearly winter sowings are best, though very early spring sowings will often give adequate results. Does not transplant well, save when small. Pkt. 20c; 3 pkts. for 50c; 7 for \$1.00.

**TRAILING ARBUTUS—Epigaea repens**. Prettiest, almost rarest flower of its season. Perfumed pink-and-white blossoms over evergreen foliage. *Illustrated page 49*. Not easy, but very possible with patience. *rastyt*(1)15. Pkt. 25c (3 for 65c).

**TROLLIUS**—Exceedingly showy perennials. "yt" culture. **CHINENSIS**—(2-3)30. Big spreading flowers with as many as 20 petals, in brilliant yellow. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c). **GOLDEN QUEEN**—(2-3)28. Great globe-tending flowers like giant golden Buttercups. 20c. **LEDEBOURI**—(3)28. Widely open blossoms of burnished orange-gold. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c).

**ERYNGIUM LEAVENWORTHII**—ebkt(3-4)48. The most decorative perennial of its season. Showy flower-heads of rich and glowing royal purple, subtended by jagged bracts of the same deep, glorious shade. Our fullest recommendation. Pkt. 15c; special larger pkg. 35c.

**SPIGELIA MARLANDICA**—rmyt(3-4)16. Clustered trumpets of gleaming red-coral. Narrow, erect, but expanding above to stars of buff amber. Vivid. Pkt. 15c.

**POLYGONELLA AMERICANA**—ebkt(5)20. This is a delightful. Airy white flower sprays, more graceful than *Astilbe*, suffuse with age to dainty pink-blush. "Heather" foliage. Long in bloom. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c).

**SPHAERALCEA RIVULARIS**—kt(2-4)70. Flowers of pure pink near to cup form, carried in many short spikes over mounded foliage of rich green, leaves Maple-like. A really spectacular perennial of long blooming and fullest hardiness. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 25c; 1/4 lb. 40c.

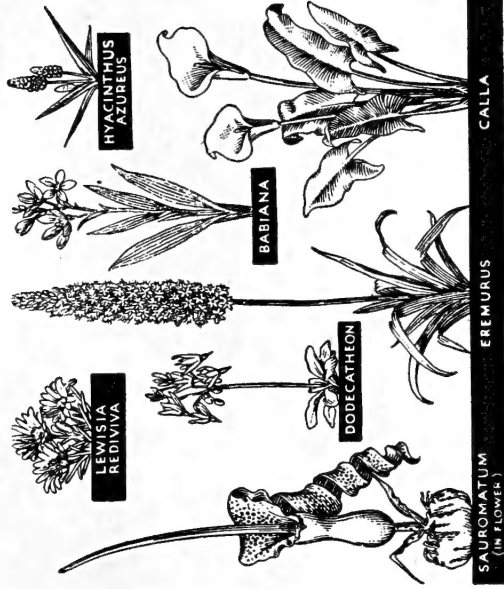
**ONOSMA TAURICUM**—rkt(3)18. Golden Drop. Arching, curling, gray leaved branches, hung with rows of narrow bells in waxen lemon-gold. It loves sun and heat, giving a long show of bloom in June and July. Pkt. 20c; 1/32 oz. 25c.

**THE TURFING DAISY**—A spreading, densely fern-leaved perennial that naturally forms a close turf, wear-resisting, long-enduring. In June the feathery mats are starred with little white daisies, but if you want only green, then clip off the buds with a sickle, or a lawn-mower set high. No other moving needed. Best effects with Turfing Daisy (*Matricaria Tchihatchewi*) are in dry places and poor soils. It likes sun. Don't plunge with it. Try it in a small way first to be sure it fits, and that you like it. Sow seed in outside beds in late autumn or earliest spring, later transplanting to stand a foot apart in permanent position. It spreads quickly to cover all. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 25c; 1/4 oz. 40c; 1/4 oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.50.

**NERTERA DEPRESSA**—rguyt(w)(9)4. Foliage films of vivid lettuce-green, set with bead-like coral berries. Rock garden, terrarium or pot. Pkt. 15c; 3 pkts. for 40c.

## AN EASIER ORCHID

It is *Bletilla*, bracinthina, likely easiest of Orchids to grow from seed, and the quickest to flower, three-year-old plants often blooming freely. Please note, though, that no Orchid is really easy from seed. They need patience and skilful attention. Nevertheless many will succeed. *Bletilla* is an attractive Orchid, carrying several large flowers of amethystine purple on 15-inch stems. It may be grown under glass, but it is fairly winter-hardy in the North, and will flourish in any half-shady, not-too-dry position, making large clumps in time. Mixed purple and white. Pkt. 25c; (3 for 60c).



## EREMURUS OR FOXTAIL LILY

It is early June and the magnificent seven-foot spike of *Eremurus robustus* that has accented the border, is losing its hundreds of airy, soft pink star blossoms, but replacing this Turkestan beauty, the nearby *Eremurus Bungei* from north Persian hills, is opening the rich deep gold of its pyramid-spikes, and the lovely variety *Isobel* is showing delicate pink-flushed, pale orange tones. *Eremurus* is of full winter hardiness, and there is nothing very difficult about it save that the plants do not always flower first year after moving. "y" culture. *Illustrated page 48*. **ELWESI-ANUS**—6 ft. Splendid early soft pink, striped deeper. **ELWESI-ANUS ALBUS**—as last but snowy white. **BUNGEI**—5 ft. Spikes of golden orange stars. **ROBUSTUS**—9 ft. Bright rosy pink stars, individually large, hundreds packed into tall spikes. **HIM-ROB**—8 ft. Stars of delicate silvery rose. **HIMALAICUS**—8 ft. Dense spikes of fragrant snowy stars. **SPECIAL HYBRIDS**—5 ft. A distinct group, a little later in flowering and not quite as tall as the others average. Rich in delectable apricots, salmon tints, chamola, orange. **EREMURUS PEERLESS BLEND**—All above, with likely others, in one splendid mixture. 25 seeds for 20c; 100 for 60c; 500 for \$2.50.

## DODECATHEON OR SHOOTING STAR

Blossoms are fragrant, with petals thrown straight back, as though by rush of air in their meteoric passage from some other world. Colorings vary from suffused whites, through pink and lilac, to velvet purple. Some carry gold bandings. "y" culture. A blend. *Illustrated page 48*. Pkt. 15c; 1/32 oz. 40c.

## CALOCHORTUS

Called *Mariposa* or *Butterfly Tulip*, but of course it's not really a Tulip, though lovelier than most of them. They vary much in color and form, downy stars, fairy lanterns, and then the great flower-butterflies, three to five inches across. Hues of the rainbow here, blotched and embossed in contrasting tones; pink, rose, lilac, lavender, cream, citron, orange yellow. There is even a rare orange scarlet. Pretty hardy when well-established, but much quite heavily first two years. "y" culture. Mixture all types. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 30c;

## BRODIAEAS FOR DELIGHT

We like their slender swaying grace, the soft colorings of their trumpet flowers that sometimes are in loose and airy umbels, but that may again be gathered into tight capitate clusters. There will be pure and suffused white, lavender, lilac, mauve, indigo purple, with others in rosy pink or salmon-toned yellow. Of about same winter hardiness as the Tulip. 12 to 20 inches. Pkt. 15c; 1/2 oz. 35c.

## EUSTYLIS (Blue Tigridia)

Though not really a *Tigridia*, it is a close relative and the flowers have the same charming shell-like form, though a bit smaller and more spreading and undulate. Blossoms rich blue-violet, marked gold and mahogany. Sown in late autumn or earliest spring, will often bloom first year. Bulbs are smaller than in *Tigridia*; may be stored in sand over winter. However with protection will usually winter here in open ground. Long in bloom. *Illustrated page 24*. kt(2-4)20. Pkt. 20c; 3 for 50c; 10 for \$1.50.

## GOLDEN DAY LILY

*Hemerocallis* the gorgeous, those splendid, giant-flowered rare-toned kinds. Marvelous harmony-delights in lemon, buff, gold, orange, and copper, with tawny shadings and ruddy overlays. Many will be fragrant, all are hardy. Seed is saved altogether from finest named hybrid sorts, or from high-quality first generation seedlings of such sorts. There will be wonderful variation in the plants that you will grow from it. Easy from seed; fully winter-hardy; free from disease and insect pests. Sow them liberally; then many future years will thank you for this one. Pkt. 15c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1/2 oz. 60c; 1 oz. \$2.00.

**HEMEROCALLIS RED AND PINK**—Seeds saved exclusively from the newer red and pink hybrids, but won't all come true to that group. However high percentages of plants will show pink tones of fulvous shadings. Pkt. 25c (3 for 65c).

**HEMEROCALLIS DARK AND BICOLOR**—Seeds saved only from the plants that show the darker, richer shades, or that approach bicolor dark and light in same flower. Expect variations in the seedlings. Pkt. 20c (3 for 50c). **OFFER 68A33**—One pkt. each of the 3 for 50c.

## IRIS AVALON BLEND

There is a bit of every true *Iris* that we have in seed form in this blend; not, of course, in equal proportions, but at least a little of each, and much of many, to give a balance of color and form that we believe has not as yet been excelled in any *Iris*-seed mixture offered anywhere. Here is chance to secure fine *Iris*es in quantity. 1/2 oz. 15c; 1/4 oz. 25c; 1/2 oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 1/4 lb. \$4.00.

## SARRACENIA or PITCHER PLANT

The leaves are hollow water-filled pitchers, strongly marked, while above them are bowing flowers of decidedly a decorativeness, but oddly made. The leaf pitchers at the base are not merely fantastic; they are insect traps; for this plant is as carnivorous as we who look upon it. All the *Sarracenia*s make excellent house plants. The pots in which they are planted should be filled with sandy muck, and set in a saucer of water. Not particularly difficult from seed if kept very cool and moist. We sow in mixed sand and peat moss outside in latest autumn. They may be grown outside, too, in bog garden, wet meadow or by a pool. **FLAVA**—Great pendant-trailing clear lemon flowers, five inches across. The pitchers are long, hooded trumpets, buff, veined red. Winter hardy without protection at Philadelphia. Pkt. 20c; 1/32 oz. 60c. **MINOR**—Nice size for pot plant. Red-streaked trumpets, ivory flowers. Pkt. 20c. **PURPUREA**—Green-keeled pitchers, vividly veined red. Flowers madder purple to maroon. Fullst winter hardiness. Pkt. 20c, 3 pkts. for 50c. **SARRACENIA BLEND**—A mixture of seeds of the three. Pkt. 15c; 1/32 oz. 50c.

## THE SUCCULENT SEDUMS

A wall or stepping-stone planting, a flagged terrace or walk, would have scant charm without them; the rock garden needs their foil, their color, their starry blossoming. In diversifications of thick, brittle foliage, they rival the Cactus. Soft apple-greens, frosted filigreeing, blue with dust of silver, bronze reflections, white or purple variegations, tones of rose and maroon, all these paint their leafage. They may be filmy earth-clingers, velvety cushions, rampant mounds, or taller arching, fat-leaved stems. In blossom they run as wide a range, white, cream, lemon, orange, pink, rose and crimson. rkt. Fine mixture. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c). For other Sedums, ask for **TREASURE CHEST**.

## SHRUBS FROM SEED

Sow in late autumn, outside of course, and you are pretty sure to get strong germination next spring. Handle just exactly as you would the perennial flowers that need fall sowing, and they will be just as easy. They come on quickly, too, faster than you likely expect, making a quite surprising showing within two or three years.

**LILACS, FINEST MIXED HYBRIDS**—The lovely large-flowering French Lilacs. Immense trusses, single to fully double, in white, pink, lilac, rose, blue-violet, silvery blue, purple, claret and crimson, mostly richly perfumed. Saved from our fine Old Orchard collection. Lilacs grow readily from seed, often giving a truss of bloom by third year. Pkt. 15c; 1/10 oz. 25c; 1/4 oz. 40c; 1/2 oz. 75c.

**COLUTEA MEDIA**—Light green, pinnate foliage. Flowers like smaller Sweet Peas in blended bud, orange and mahogany. Oddly inflated seed pods. Pkt. 10c; 1/4 oz. 20c.

**VITEA AGNUS-CASTUS**—Notable for the dense and handsome flower spikes, light blue to brilliant indigo. Graceful, compact, good. Pkt. 10c; special pkg. 25c.

**CYTISUS SCOPARIUS HYBRIDS**—The gorgeous Scottish Broom. Sheafs of whip-branched, filled with blossoms lemon to golden, often with velvety crimson wing-patches. In cold areas, plant so north wind is broken. Pkt. 10c; special large pkg. 25c.

**ROBINIA FERTILIS**—Rose Acacia. Massive clusters of rose-colored flowers, followed by odd seed pods in decorative "modernistic" effect. Pinnate foliage. Handsome shrub for massing. Full hardiness. 1/10 oz. 20c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1 oz. \$1.10.

**ROSA XANTHINA**—Big arching shrubs, loaded with soft to bright yellow flowers. A particularly good one. 1/4 oz. 20c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1 oz. \$1.25.

**ROSA RUGOSA SPECIAL**—Contains high proportion of whites and blush pinks, along with rosy red. Big flowers, big fruits. Pkt. 10c; special pkg. 25c.

**ROSA SPINOSISSIMA**—Scottish or Burnet Rose. Low, narrow thicket habit to 30 inches, good for low dividing hedges. Flowers usually cream colored, but with hint of yellow or of rose. Fruits, rich plum-purple. 1/4 oz. 20c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1 oz. \$1.25.

**SYRINGA EMODI**—Rare Himalayan Lilac. Splendid late-bloomer, with big, loose trusses of lavender blossoms. A handsome, well-shaped shrub. Pkt. 15c.

**KOLKWTZIA AMABILIS**—The well-named Beauty Bush. In May and June, thousands of bell-shaped flowers of deep pink, yellow-throated. Graceful shrub, to seven feet. Pkt. 15c; 1/10 oz. 30c; 1/4 oz. 50c.

**INDIGOPERA POTANINI**—Picturesque Chinese shrub, bearing a long profusion of lovely little lilac-rose flowers. Foliage pinnate. Fullst hardiness. Pkt. 15c; special pkg. 35c.

**OTHER SHRUBS-FROM-SEED.** Lespedeza Thunbergii 10c, 1/4 oz. 25c; Cytisus supinus 10c, 1/4 oz. 35c; Caryopteris tancutica 15c, 1/10 oz. 30c; Amorpha croceolana 1/4 oz. 15c, 1 oz. 30c; Hypericum numiflorum 15c; Clematis stans 15c, 1/4 oz. 35c; True Red Thunbergii 10c, 1/4 oz. 25c, 1/4 oz. 40c, 1 oz. \$1.50; Rosa Giraldi 10c, special large pkg. 25c; Franklania alatamaha, famed Franklin Tree, 3 seeds for 25c; 14 for \$1.00; Rhamnus Purshiana 10c. SPECIAL OFFER—One pkt. each of 21 above for \$2.35.

## LILY TURF

It is Liriope spicata, winter-hardy Chinese plant. Fountains of arching ribbon leaves. The flowers, in late July, are spikes of pretty blue stars. Then come berries, a polished black. Decorative year-around. Recommended for terraces, walk-ways, beneath trees, or for urn-plantings. Roots tuberous, spreading by short stolons until a space is filled with a deep-springy leafiness in place of turf. Illustrated page 50. Pkt. 10c; 1/4 oz. 30c; 1 oz. \$1.00.

## TRADESCANTIA

Long-blooming, soundly hardy perennials of much beauty. Easy to grow. Spend-thrifts of bloom; indeed some plants will really be ever-blooming. Colors include bluish pink, rosy pink, mauve, white, palest azure suffusions, sky blue, indigo, violet, purple, ruby. Heights run from 6 to 80 inches. Illustrated page 58. "kt" culture. Fine blend. Pkt. 16c; 1/4 oz. 30c; 1/2 oz. 50c.

**TRICORYTIS HIRTA**—ebstkt(5)30. One of the few shady-place perennials that blooms in autumn. Recurved blossoms, pure white with violet marblings. Centered with an orchid-like structure. Established plants may have a hundred flowers at once. Illustrated page 37. Pkt. 15c.

**PENSTEMON BLEND**—Seeds of some fifty kinds of Penstemon in unsurpassed mixture. Pkt. 15c; 1/4 oz. 30c.

**MOREA POLYSTACHYA**—kt. Great open sprays of blossoms like big mauve-lavender butterflies with touch of yellow and markings of Parma violet. Garden-planted bulbs, put out in spring, lie dormant for a time, then grow rapidly, giving glorious flower showing in autumn. Winters outside, if mulched heavily, or may be dug and stored in sand. Also forces nicely. Illustrated page 38. Pkt. 15c; 3 pkts. for 40c.

**IXIOLIRION MONTANUM**—evrt(1-2)16. Lily of the Alps. Splendid winter-hardy Amaryllis relative, with blossoms that are clusters of blue trumpets. Illustrated page 42. Particularly good. Pkt. 15c, 1/4 oz. 35c. (Bulbs sometimes available in September.)



## SEMPERVIVUM BLEND

Short thick leaves in compact succulent rosettes, often suffused with rose or red, or again painted with purple. In the spider-web form the entire plant is knit and entangled in silvery gossamer filaments. Oddly thatched stalks carry attractive flowers, usually in yellow, buff, or tawny red. We offer seeds saved from a fine collection. "kt" culture. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c).

## FRITILLARIA FOR GENTLE DELIGHT

Dainty exquisites of the Lily tribe, flowers sometimes recurved, but again bell-like. Coloring often in tessellations of shading, but sometimes clear, one tone without, another within. Variations in white, cream, yellow, rose, mulberry, violet and scarlet. For the rock garden, or for shade-edge colonies. "y" culture. Mixed. Pkt. 15c; 1/4 oz. 35c; 1/2 oz. 60c.

## AETHIONEMAS

They grow on sunshot limestone cliffs of the Lebanon, on hillsides of Armenia, in crevices ruined wall of Persia, jeweling column-strewn terraces where ancient kings were proud. rtk(2-3) 6 to 10 inches. Foliage rather fine, semisucculent, silvery to blue-gray. CORIDIFOLIUM—Flowers pure pink in wide, dense, dome-clusters. Pkt. 15c; 1/32 oz. 25c. GRANDIFLORUM—Loosely clustered, fairly large flowers of lovely pink. Pkt. 20c. PULCHELLUM—Mounded blossoms of rose. Pkt. 15c. SHISTOSUM—Clusters of purest possible pink, individual florets relatively large. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c). SPYLOSUM—Florets rather large, styles long. Lebanon. Pkt. 20c. OFFER 84A53—One pkt. each of the 5 for 70c. AETHIONEMA BLEND—The above, with others. Pkt. 15c (3 for 40c).

## WILD FLOWERS OF THE WORLD

Here in one great blend are about 100 different and delightful wild flowers of the world, mostly of North America, and your own favorites are pretty sure to be included. Some will come easily and quickly, some very slowly, but patience should give you a wonderful showing. The better the soil preparation, the better the results. 1/4 oz. 25c; 1/4 oz. 40c; 1 oz. \$1.25; 1/4 lb. \$4.40; 1 lb. \$15.50.

# HOUSE PLANTS

Why not grow your own house plants from seed? There is nothing very hard about it, and if you really love flowers, you will be interested in watching them from the moment the first sprout breaks through until they are ready to burst into bloom. And then, if there are more of them than you need there can surely be no more gracious gift for your friends. The seeds, of course, may be sown at any time of year, simply in pots in a sunny window, or, if you are fortunate, in your greenhouse.

**FUCHSIA CONSERVATORY BLEND**—Free-blooming plants that are highly satisfactory under window pot culture conditions. Pendant flowers in many unusual colorings, often showing pleasing contrasts. Single and double in mixture, fine seeds. 15 seeds for 20c; 50 for 50c; 100 for 90c.

**PAROCHETUS COMMUNIS**—Delightful trailer, minute clover leaves with short-stemmed pea-blossoms in sky blue, but with subtle opalescent tones that verge on pink or hint of buff. A charming pot plant of long blooming, or will fit the window box. 6 seeds for 15c.

**CHAMAEALUCIUM CILIATUM**—Geraldton Waxflower. Waxlike blossoms of delicate pink, five-lobed flaring bells. Foliage fine, heathery. Australia. Pkt. 15c.

**BEGONIA EVERBLOOMING BLEND**—Grown as pot plants, may be kept in bloom pretty much the year through. Indeed an old name for it is "Blossom Fool," for it never stops blooming as long as there is life in it. May be used also for summer bedding. Flowers will be white, palest pink, deep pink, rose, scarlet or crimson, and the foliage may be bronzed or red-tinged. Pkt. 15c; 3 pkts. for 40c.

**CARICA PAPAYA**—It makes an easy and speedy pot or tub plant, giving decorative effects in Palm reminder. Well-grown plants bear the melon-shaped papaya fruits the second year. The fruits are edible, highly esteemed in the tropics. Few exotics so curious may be grown with such scant worry or care. Pkt. 15c; 3 for 40c.

**CACTUS ORNAMENTAL BLEND**—w. For pot culture, being mostly not hardy outside. Weird and curious stem formations, with richly hued and feathery flowers, followed by "jewel" fruits. Wonderfully diverse blend, including seeds of a vast number of decorative species not described separately here. 25 seeds for 15c; 50 for 25c; 100 for 45c; 500 for \$2.00; 1000 for \$3.75.

**GLOXINIA PERLESS**—w. Oddly formed big bell-blossoms in richest varied colorings, often spotted or tigré. Pot plant. Pkt. 25c.

## HOUSE PLANT SURPRISE

Delightful amazement due you here. Seeds of more than one hundred distinct species of ornamentals suitable for pot culture have gone into this blend, many of them decidedly unique. Better separate the fine seeds from the coarse, since the latter will need deeper covering. Give them all a fair chance and ample time. Many will germinate quickly, but of course other kinds are by their nature, slow. Sold only in extra-size packets at 25c each; 3 for 70c.

## THE ORNAMENTAL BANANA

The true Banana (Musa) may be easily used for spectacular decorative effects out-of-doors in the North, making an exotic but most pleasing showing. At Old Orchard we have had them reach a full ten feet of height in a summer. Great sweeps of breeze-rusting soft green leafage, arching leaf-fans that soon become myriad streamer-banners. In late autumn the plants may be dug, cut off a few inches above the ground, and the enlarged root portion or "bulb" packed upright in sand, and so left until well warned spring calls it to the open ground again. This year we offer Banana as seeds only (bulbs out on this, commercially, for the duration). Seed germinates with fair readiness. It may be started under glass, even a sunny window will do, and then makes attractive foliage plants for the first few months. You can sow it in shaded outdoor seed-beds in spring, and it will often make 30 inches of growth first year and more than three times that when replanted the next year. 10 seeds for 25c; 50 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.75.